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Senior Airman Geoffrey Sorensen paints a KC-135 aircraft brake part May 3. Painting the part helps protect it from corrosion in the extreme desert climate. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Senior Airman Domonique Simmons)

'A' is for Air Power

By Maj. Eric Upton

379th Expeditionary Comptroller Squadron commander

I am about to culminate my one-year tour in Southwest Asia. It was an outstanding year! I want to share with you what I believe to be one of the most significant aspects of our service as Airmen.

The significance of my tour is not marked by a piece of cloth on my chest or even the work I did while I was here, but by the relationships I forged with fellow Airmen in a time of war and the indelible mark these relationships left in my heart. You see, it's relationships that enrich an individual achievement, bring a team victory, and give life meaning.

A hallmark of our relationships as Airmen is that we take care of one another. From fellow commanders leaning forward offering their support to each other and Airmen cooperating in their daily efforts to friends and family back home sending care packages or words of encouragement and love, I've seen what generates air power: wingmen!

Let me give you an example of this relationship-making. We bring more than 3,500 active-duty, Guard, and Reserve Airmen together and swap out an entire wing over a 30-day period. We do this all the while executing the Air Tasking Order, keeping food on our plates, running chapel services, constructing and occupying new facilities, moving cargo north, guarding the perimeter, transshipping blood units, delivering communications theater wide, contracting and paying for every single requirement.

We do a remarkable job taking care of each other and never give those feats a second thought.

How is this possible? All of the above accomplishments (and more) are made through teamwork, enthusiasm,

selflessness and trust. And when you test an Airman, you'll get an "A" for Air Power every time. We can bring sword or shield at a moment's notice. It's truly impressive. And it's marked by our individual nature coupled with the organized and disciplined manner with which we carry out our daily missions.

"We can" is the attitude of the day around here. Airmen are self-reliant – expected to figure it out. Here, Airmen participate in morale teams and community service and have a sense of urgency in getting materials and services delivered to form the nucleus of sortie generation. They do it knowing other Airmen are counting on them.

Wingmen at each echelon – Airmen, noncommissioned officers, senior NCOs, officers and civilians – mentor through action, encouragement and good, old-fashioned hard work. We've got a big job to do, and we know no one else can do it. Our friends and family back home are counting on us. The support we receive through their gifts, prayers and words, remind us that we've got to keep 'em flying, get the bombs on target and endure a grueling, sustained effort to achieve victory.

My experience here over the past year taught me a lot, but I will reflect most often on the mark 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Airmen and those back home make every day. Seeing Airmen lending helping hands to make work manageable, exuding positive attitudes, putting others first, and relying on each other to get the job done right makes my heart happy.

We are friends, family and fellow fighters. Wingmen make me so proud, I sing our Air Force song as loudly and as proudly as I can each chance I get!

I am absolutely convinced as long as there are Wingmen, there will be Airmen, and as long as there are Airmen, there will be the United States of America.

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How the Air Force buys weapon systems

With all the talk about the Air Force and its efforts to buy a replacement for the Eisenhower-era KC-135 Stratotanker, many Airmen have been curious about how the Air Force goes through the acquisition process.

The office in charge of acquiring new equipment or services, including large multi-billion dollar purchases, is the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, or SAF/AQ. SAF/AQ employs personnel from a variety of career fields with expertise in program management, engineering, contracting, operations and other relevant roles.

When warfighters identify a need, and Congress allocates money for meeting that need, the acquisition team begins the process of acquiring the new weapon system or service. SAF/AQ is responsible for ensuring that warfighter capability needs are translated into specifications that become part of a request for proposals made available to industry. Contractors then submit proposals containing designs and development approaches to meet the requirements. The proposals are then evaluated against a specific set of criteria outlined in the request for proposals. The contractor that satisfies all the criteria while

providing the best overall value to the Air Force will win the contract award.

Concerning the competition for our new KC-45A refueling aircraft, the Air Force had a set of capabilities that the offerors had to meet prior to a contract award decision. Two companies submitted offers on the KC-45A tanker acquisition. On 29 February 2008, the Air Force awarded the contract to Northrop Grumman because they clearly met or exceeded the warfighter requirements identified in the request for proposals and will provide the best overall value to the taxpayer. Ms. Sue Payton, the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, commented that the Air Force "followed a carefully structured selection process," in complete compliance with the law and the criteria established in the solicitation.

The Air Force Chief of Staff General T. Michael Moseley has called the acquisition of the new tanker his highest recapitalization priority. General Moseley went on to say, "A new tanker is critical to our mission of global reach. With our tankers, we can deliver decisive effects anywhere in the world at any time. There's only so long we can do that with airplanes that were designed in the 1950s."

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Senior Airman Brooks Johnson, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, cuts a piece of titanium metal to a desired size using a metal cutting machine May 3. Airman Johnson uses a series of different machines to make accurate molds or replacement parts for different types of aircraft.

Keeping old planes flying: Airmen fabricate parts from scratch

Story by Senior Airman Carolyn Viss
Photos by Senior Airman
Domonique Simmons
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

Editor's note: this is the second of a three-part series on the fabrication flight.

From troop movements and cargo drops to placing bombs on target, deployed aircraft can't always wait weeks or even days for parts to be ordered and shipped to the repair facilities in the desert, so one team of metals specialists puts their skills to work to make new parts here, turning out the pieces necessary for daily operations.

Members of the 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron sheet metal shop, part of the fabrication flight, work what some may call magic, taking aircraft parts that are sometimes unrecognizable and using their metal artistry skills to make new ones.

"We have a two-sided job, sheet metal and corrosion control," said Master Sgt. Scott Ruiz, aircraft structural maintenance section chief from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. "We're extremely busy doing about 300-330 flightline jobs every month. "We're one of the more vital links to

keeping aircraft in the air."

The "very well-equipped" shop has about a dozen different types of tooling and machinery, "all critical to what we do," said the senior master sergeant-select. "The [Airmen] here are very well-qualified, and we can work on any airframe."

So qualified, he said, that in most cases they can look at a piece of metal and duplicate it, even if they don't have a blueprint.

"All the Airmen here are motivated, good people," said Sergeant Ruiz, who has deployed a dozen times to the Middle East in his 21 years of service. "They're basically metal artists."

"I picked this job because it sounded interesting and I like working with my hands," said 22-year-old Airman 1st Class Michael Rutherford, a Guardsman from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He does the same job full-time on base as a civilian, and said he plans to make the Air Force a career. "It's cool to be able to take a part, look at it, and then duplicate it from a bunch of plain old metal."

The specialists here not only duplicate parts; they also refurbish salvageable parts of aircraft that need a little "TLC," which is where the corrosion section comes into

play, Sergeant Ruiz said.

"The hydraulics shop gets [a part] in and breaks it down," said Senior Airman Jeff Sorenson, a corrosion specialist. "We put [it] in the sandblaster to take off all the paint that is baked on or peeling off, use a solvent to clean it, give it a coat of primer, paint it white, and then send it back out to be rebuilt."

The whole process takes 12 to 48 hours, and the sheet metal shop can refurbish and rebuild almost any part for aircraft in the U.S. Air Forces Central area of responsibility, Airman Sorenson said.

"At home, we're doing full paints on active-duty jets, so everything we do is three- to four-week process, but here we're doing it for the whole AOR," said the Airman deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. "A plane I work on today could be going to Afghanistan tomorrow."

While the back shop can reach more than 130 degrees on a hot summer day, the fabricators here don't seem to mind.

"Some days it's really, really hot," Airman Sorenson said. But the specialists don't seem to mind as long as they can watch the planes take off and know they had a major role in its ability to fly, fight and win.

Feature



LEFT: Senior Airman Brooks Johnson continues a process of shaping scrap metal to be formed into a replacement part for an aircraft May 3. Airman Johnson also responds to calls for repairs out on the flightline.

BELOW: Senior Airman Geoffrey Sorensen paints a KC-135 aircraft brake part May 3. Painting the part helps protect it from corrosion in the extreme desert climate.



Airman 1st Class Michael Rutherford bends and shapes a piece of sheet metal. He volunteered for a 30-day deployment here as an Air Reserve Technician.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN DOMONIQUE SIMMONS

Airman 1st Class Andrew Bowman

379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron
Expeditionary Theater Distribution Center clerk

Hometown: Hughesville, Md.

Arrived in AOR: January

Deployment Goals: Take courses towards CCAF and volunteer as much as possible

Best part of deployment: Working with all the NCOs and reaching our goal to reconstitute all the returned chemical warfare defense equipment from AEF 9/10 and ensure it's ready for AEF 3/4 by April 15

Hobbies: Spending time with my wife, Hannah and daughters, Brooke and Emma, playing sports, and working out

Best Air Force memory: Being coined by Col. Shane Stegman, 379th Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander. It was the first time I've been coined.

Nominated by readiness flight leadership. "Airman Bowman consistently demonstrates a positive attitude in both his on and off duty activities. He goes out of his way to provide outstanding customer service to all returning deployers. He's also been involved in several off duty volunteer and personal development projects."

Special Agent Eric Dacpano

AFOSI Detachment 241

Hometown: Pensacola, Fla.

Home station: Minot, N.D.

Arrived in AOR: March

Deployment goals: Complete a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and stay physically fit

Best part of the deployment: Being able to watch my efforts contribute to the mission daily

Hobbies: Racquetball, weightlifting, watching the Dallas Cowboys play, fishing, and cooking

Best Air Force memory: When I was accepted for special agent duty with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations

Nominated by: Special Agent Aaron Sullivan. "Agent Dacpano was nominated because he has hit the ground running since his arrival. He has a fantastic, can-do attitude, and his enthusiasm is infectious. Agent Dacpano is an integral part of our detachment operations ensuring the safety and security of base personnel and assets."



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN DOMONIQUE SIMMONS



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Senior Airman Jason Halgren

379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron
Explosive Ordnance Disposal journeyman

Hometown: Woodland, Wash.

Home station: Kadena, Okinawa

Arrived in AOR: December

Deployment goals: I want to continue my college education and improve my physical fitness

Best part of the deployment: Experiencing my first large aircraft mishap

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, playing video games, and scuba diving

Best Air Force memory: My first time team chiefing a training operation, resulting in my team member getting a call sign

Nominated by: Master Sgt. William Sistler. "He knows and he cares about his job. He is very enthusiastic when it comes to doing it and he performs it well."

15th generation Rabbi helps servicemembers keep faith

Story by Senior Airman Tong Duong
Photos by Senior Airman Domonique Simmons
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

The flame danced with a slow mesmerizing flare as it flickered from one side of the wick to the next. The light softly illuminated his face as his silhouette became a portion of the projection behind him, images of holocaust victims. Soft-spoken yet with a stern demeanor, Rabbi (Capt.) Raphael Berdugo's eyes glistened as he solemnly led a prayer in Hebrew.

More than 30 servicemembers bowed their heads to pay their respects during the Holocaust Remembrance Vigil held here May 2, to remember the more than six million lives lost during World War II.

One of only seven Rabbis in the Air Force and the only one in U.S. Air Forces Central, Rabbi Berdugo's area of responsibility extends far beyond the base.

"I once received a call in the middle of the night from the wing chaplain of a different base, asking me what would be appropriate to do as a memorial service for a fallen Jewish servicemember," the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing chaplain from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., said.

A 15th generation Rabbi, he says one of his many tasks includes leading his people to a righteous path.

"First and foremost, [being a Rabbi] means being a positive role model for others and a visible reminder of the holy," Rabbi Berdugo said. "It also involves being a representative—almost like an ambassador—for the Jewish people and helping them with their religious needs."

One of those religious needs is keeping a strictly kosher diet, which has been easy, thanks to the dedicated staff of the 379th Expeditionary Services Squadron here, Rabbi Berdugo said.

"For Passover, I received several requests for kosher MREs [meals ready to eat]. With the help of Services, we shipped several cases of them to numerous locations in the AOR," he said.

Rabbi Berdugo brings a different perspective to the table and says others enjoy asking questions about his religion and learning about Judaism.

"I am very often the first Rabbi that most Airmen have ever met," he said.

Some are curious about the significance of the "camouflage" yarmulke [a small round cap] he wears on top of his head. It's origination comes from a combination of two Hebrew words, 'Yare' and 'Malka,' which means, 'fear of the king,' the Rabbi said.

"Basically, we wear it to remind ourselves to be submissive to the one above," he said.

Any personnel whose faith requires the head to be covered is authorized to wear [an item such as a] yarmulke in uniform.

With a relatively small Jewish population here, Rabbi Berdugo's religious services are only a small portion of the work he does, which allows him to focus on visitation and other aspects of a chaplain's ministry.

"[I am] readily accessible to the Airmen in all squadrons," he said. "After all, I am a pastoral care giver for people of all faiths."

Ordained 15 years ago, he says being a Jewish religious leader



Rabbi (Capt.) Raphael Berdugo, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, wing chaplain deployed from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., Leads a Holocaust Remembrance Vigil in Hebrew May 2. Rabbi Berdugo is a 15th-generation religious leader currently deployed to Southwest Asia and one of seven Air Force Rabbis.

was something he felt he was born to do.

"Becoming a Rabbi was something I grew into," the father of three boys and two girls said. "Even at the young age of 12, while my parents ministered to the adults, I would minister to the children."

Born a British citizen in Dublin, Ireland, to Moroccan parents, Rabbi Berdugo, always felt that a higher power had intervened and guided his path to becoming an ordained minister.

"My education led to my becoming an ordained Rabbi," he said. "After receiving my rabbinical ordination from Beth Medrash Govoha in Lakewood, N.J., I applied for and received my green card. I started out as a middle school teacher and for 10 years I taught the Torah and Judaic subjects at a private Jewish school."

Rabbi Berdugo thought he would end his career as a school principal, but after becoming a naturalized American citizen in 1999, he was recruited for the Air Force chaplaincy.

"Although I joined as a Reservist in New Jersey, I knew that one day I would serve on active duty," he said.

Military service is not new to his family. His uncle is serving as a chaplain in the French Army. Rabbi Berdugo also said he would like for his children to follow in his footsteps.

"My wish is for at least one of my five children to carry on the family tradition [of becoming a religious leader]," he said.

Rabbi Berdugo offers a weekly Sabbath service on Friday evenings followed by a fellowship and a weekly Torah study Saturday evenings. For more information, call 437-8811.



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Army Specialist Roberto Mendez (left), 2-43 Delta Battery communications specialist, holds a corner of AM2 mat while Tech. Sgt. Saul Marquez, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., joins another to it. More than 50 Airmen and 80, 2-43rd Soldiers worked hand in hand to relocate the phased array tracking radar to intercept of target, or PATRIOT, Battery site, completed April 24.

ARMY PATRIOT BATTERY; 379TH ECES RELOCATES ARMY UNIT, REVAMPS MORALE

By Senior Airman Tong Duong
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
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Airmen and Soldiers worked hand in hand to construct a new phased array tracking radar to intercept of target, or PATRIOT, Battery site here April 24.

The 2nd Battalion 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment's mission here is to provide theater air and missile defense from air borne attacks or tactical ballistic missile threats against critical assets in Southwest Asia, such as air bases and cities.

The site was relocated to provide room for future base projects, but maintains its effectiveness out of the new location.

"Tactically, the relocation did not

change anything or affect our defensive posture," said Army 1st Lt. Dhyen Tarver, 2-43 ADA battle captain. "However, the move did improve unit morale. Originally, it took the unit roughly 15 minutes to travel from [one of the base's living areas] to the old site on a five-ton; now, the travel time is five minutes max and allows Soldiers to use existing transportation programs such as the bus or share-a-ride program."

In addition to improving troop morale, the Army gained separate office spaces for the commander and first sergeant, a morale tent, indoor and outdoor training facilities, an orderly room, a bigger motor pool, and air conditioning in all the infrastructures, Lieutenant Tarver said.

The 2-43rd ADA had to move because there is a construction project to build a parallel runway and taxiway in the area they used to occupy, said Senior



Master Sgt. Christopher Vansile, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron heavy repair superintendent, deployed here from Misawa Air Base, Japan.

To plan the move, the 2-43rd command

team was encouraged to create their own layout to better support their needs. With the layout in mind, the 379th ECES team of 55 Airmen was able to prepare the new PATRIOT site effectively and efficiently.

"My team was able to relocate the battery from one area of base, to another three weeks ahead of schedule," Sergeant Vansile, the relocation project manager said. "I had an outstanding team. They worked very hard to go from nothing to a full-fledged operation.

A few of the civil engineer team's accomplishments include construction of five, 17,000 square-foot base course launch pads with blast barriers; paving more than 1.5 miles of new roadways; a 30,000 square-foot parking area; and new concertina wires and barriers, Sergeant Vansile said.

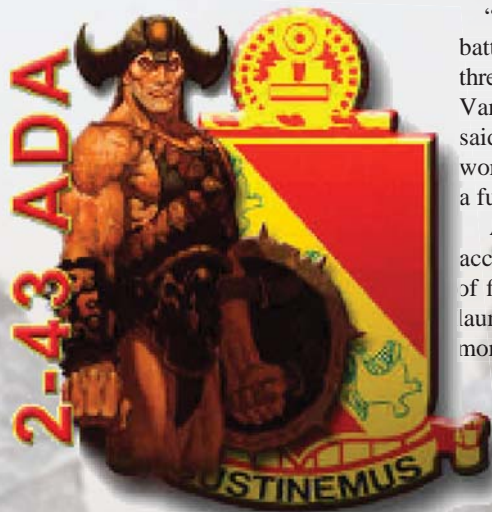
Completing the new site three weeks ahead of schedule required

a lot of effort and teamwork between the two services.

"Hard work along with constant coordination and planning [helped to pave the way]," he said. "I had weekly sit downs with the Army and key Air Force players to ensure everyone was on the same page regarding what needed to be done. We also walked the site to make sure everything they needed was being addressed."

The Army is thankful to the [379th ECES] for their hard work and support in the relocation and establishment of a new PATRIOT Battery site and improving unit morale, Lieutenant Tarver said.

"Their strong efforts made it a smooth transition in addition to finishing the site ahead of schedule," he said. "This [project displayed] yet another example of the Army and Air Force teaming together to accomplish the mission."



ABOVE LEFT: 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron electric system engineer Senior Airman Mario Hunter (left) steadies a cable while Staff Sgt. Bryan Butchsh tightens it to the grounding rod. More than 30 rods, valued at \$100 each, were installed to prevent electronics from grounding or shorting out, safeguarding \$193 million of Army assets.

ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Bryan Rosburg checks his side-view mirror before backing up his dump truck. Sergeant Rosburg led a team of five Airmen to haul more than 4,000 tons of base course fill material while constructing the new Army PATRIOT Battery site. The material was purchased from a local vendor and provides a solid base for construction.

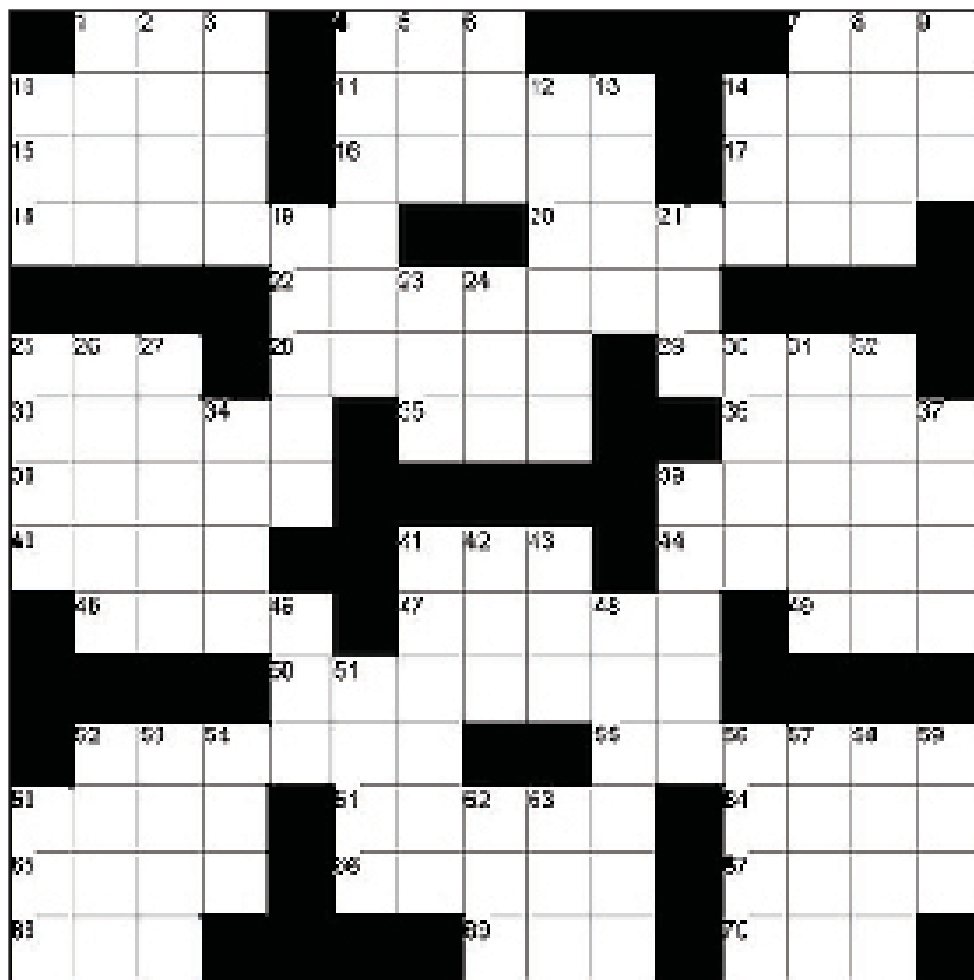
LEFT: Staff Sgt. Raymond Johnson, closes up the side of a tent. He led more than 30 Soldiers to erect 10 tents at the newly constructed Army PATRIOT Battery site.

The Beehive State's base

by Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Fuel
4. Kwik-E-Mart owner/operator
7. Black-and-white diving bird
10. Silence
11. Open grazing areas of southern Africa
14. Intelligent
15. Online journal
16. Sleep disorder
17. Yemen port
18. ___ Famous
20. ___ "Pete" Hill; namesake for the Beehive State
22. ___ Mountains; range surrounding the Beehive State base
25. Sheep's cry
28. European island people
29. NY team
33. City home to the Beehive State base; part of OO-ALC
35. DHL competitor
36. Stick in one's ___; cause considerable or abiding resentment
38. Non-Polynesian, especially a Caucasian
39. Task
40. Barbeque item
41. Dine
44. Joe ___; U.S. boxer, world heavyweight champion 1937-49
45. Desire
47. Beehive State city
49. Explosive combo
50. Violent, intense struggles
52. Col. Morris ___; first commander of Beehive State base
55. Put in order
60. Satellite of Jupiter that is ninth in distance from planet
61. African country
64. Ax an employee
65. The Beehive State
66. Contract renting land, buildings, etc., to another
67. Being nothing more nor better than
68. Female's leg



69. Young child
70. Music holders

DOWN

1. California ___; state bird of the Beehive State
2. Smallest element
3. ___ Lily; flower of the Beehive State
4. Incarnation of a Hindu deity in human or animal form
5. Lively spirits or energy; vigor; animation
6. USAF deployment code
7. Military assistant to a general officer
8. Exercise or enjoyment of a right or property
9. Barbie's pal
10. Advanced degree for accountants
12. Farthest, innermost, or extreme parts or states
13. Fine grained mineral having a soft soapy feel
14. Path
19. Pig
21. Unit of resistance
23. Carbondale school, in brief
24. Killer snake
25. 1922 Nobel prize Danish physicist Neils
26. Over
27. Sun-dried brick made of clay and straw
30. Sound reflection
31. Rainbow ___; Beehive State fish
32. Poisonous liquid used as in chemical warfare
34. Otherwise
37. Direction of Beehive state in relation to Washington D.C.
39. Maj Gen Kathleen ___; OO-ALC commander
41. Person or thing that absorbs something freely
42. Decorative vase
43. Hawaiian dish made of taro root
46. Water barricade
48. Aired
51. Scottish Celt or Highlander

52. Second letter of the Greek alphabet
53. Cheese type
54. Stadium cheer
56. USAF MAJCOM the Beehive State base is assigned
57. Fastened
58. Mistakes
59. Formerly
60. Carry around
62. Tibetan stocky, shaggy-haired wild ox
63. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet

Last week's answers



This week in Air Force history

May 4, 1911

The War Department decided to send the Army's first Wright plane to the Smithsonian Institute.

May 5, 1996

Col. Betty L. Mullis became the first woman to command a flying wing when she assumed command of the 940th Air Refueling Wing at McClellan AFB, Calif.

May 6, 1912

Three Army planes made the first group cross-country flight.

May 7, 1966

The Minuteman Force Modernization program started at Whiteman AFB, Mo., when Strategic Air Command removed the first flight of 10 Minuteman 1 missiles from their silos. These missiles were replaced with Minuteman IIs.

May 8, 1945

Germany surrenders unconditionally.

May 9, 1983

A C-141 crew from the 18th Military Airlift Squadron, at McGuire AFB, N. J., became the first all-female crew to fly a round-trip mission across the Atlantic.

May 10, 1911

Lt. G.E.M. Kelly became the second Army officer killed in an airplane.

Caption Contest



Photo No. 76

"Not in the face, not in the face!! Its basic all over again....."
-Airman 1st Class Marcus Bee

Try your hand at writing a caption for this week's photo. The author whose caption entry gets the most laughs - or groans - from our panel wins.

1. Write an imaginative, humorous, printable caption related to the Air Force.
2. E-mail caption entries to 379AEW.PA@auab.centaf.af.mil with the words 'Caption Contest' in the subject header.
3. Include the Caption Contest photo number you are referencing, your name, rank, deployed unit and phone number.
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5. Deadline for submission is noon Thursday.
6. Got a funny photo you think is publishable and will make people laugh and scratch their heads? Email us!



Photo No. 77

Wing Air Power Summary

The 379th Air Expeditionary Wing contributed to the following air-power missions from to May 1 to May 7.

Air refueling missions

U.S., French and Royal Air Force aerial refueling crews flew 310 sorties and off-loaded approximately 17.8 million pounds of fuel to 1,493 receiving aircraft.

Intra-theater airlift missions

U.S. Air Force C-130s and C-17s provided intra-theater heavy airlift support, helping sustain operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and Horn of Africa.

Approximately 878 airlift sorties were

flown; 3,052 tons of cargo was delivered and approximately 22,991 passengers were transported.

This included approximately 213,392 pounds of troop re-supply air-dropped in Afghanistan.

The 746th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron and the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron also delivered cargo throughout the theater.

Bomber missions

An Air Force B-1B Lancer dropped a guided bomb unit-31 in order to destroy an enemy rocket team in Orgune. A JTAC reported that the mission was successful.

An Air Force B-1B Lancer dropped GBU-31s and GBU-38s onto enemy combatant fighting positions and a weapons cache in the vicinity of Asadabad.

In Garmser, a B-1B Lancer dropped a GBU-31 in order to destroy an enemy compound and bunker.

An on-scene joint terminal attack controller declared the missions successful.

ISR missions

Ninety two Air Force, Navy, Royal Air Force and Royal Australian Air Force intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flew missions in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This week in photos



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PHOTO CAPTIONS (clockwise from top left):

1. Airman 1st Class Kerstin Parin, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron structural maintenance, saws an oak trim down to a precise measurement to be fitted inside a new office inside the new wing headquarters building May 7.
2. Staff Sgt. Jacob Sherwood operates a MJ-40 bomb lift truck while Airman 1st Class Emily Stettler and Airman 1st Class Thomas J. Howe secure a conventional rotary launcher before loading it onto a B1 aircraft. They are assigned with 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.
3. Staff Sgt. Raymond Johnson, 379th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, operates a paint striper here May 7. The airfield striping is moved to allow proper clearance for taxing aircraft.
4. Royal Australian Air Force Cpl. Simon Dent welds metal for a flag pole here May 3. He's a general fitter assigned to Task Group 663.4.
5. Airman 1st Class Patrick S. Rolfe, 379th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, monitors a C-130 engine to make sure there are no leaks and everything works properly during an operations check May 6. Airman Rolfe and his maintenance team ops check two to three engines daily.



All programs and times are subject to change. Chapel office hours are 0730 to 2300. For more information or to make a facility request call the chapel at 437-8811.

**MPR: Multi-Purpose Room
Conf: Conference Room
Sanct: Sanctuary
BSR: Blessed Sacrament Room**

Monday

0500-0600 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0715-0745 Daily Mass, BSR
0730-0830 LDS Sacrament Service, Conf
1100-1130 Redeployment Brief (or Online), Conf
1730-1800 Rosary/Individual Devotion, BSR
1730-1830 Intercessory Prayer/Prayer Warriors, MPR
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1830-2000 Traditional Service Bible Study, Conf
1900-2130 Gospel Service Musician Rehearsal, Sanct
1930-2100 Women of Virtue, MPR
2000-2100 LDS Sacrament Service, Conf

Tuesday

0500-0600 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0715-0745 Daily Mass, BSR
0800-0830 Morning Prayer, MPR
0930-1030 CGO Chaplain Meeting, Conf
1100-1130 Redeployment Brief (or Online), Conf
1200-1300 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), MPR
1730-1800 Rosary/Individual Devotion, BSR
1730-1830 Intercessory Prayer/Prayer Warriors, Conf
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR

1800-1900 Church of Christ Bible Study, MPR
1930-2100 Men of Integrity Bible Study, MPR
1930-2100 Knights of Columbus, Conf
1930-2100 Gospel Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanct.
2100-2300 Gospel Service Dance Team Rehearsal, Sanct

Wednesday

0500-0600 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0715-0745 Daily Mass, BSR
0800-0900 EIDS Meeting (3rd Wednesday of the Month), Conf
1100-1130 Redeployment Brief (or Online), Conf
1200-1330 Alcoholics Anonymous for Women, Conf
1400-1500 Chapel Staff Meeting, Conf
1730-1800 Rosary/Individual Devotion, BSR
1730-1830 Gospel Service Dance Team Rehearsal, Sanct
1730-1830 Intercessory Prayer/Prayer Warriors, MPR
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1800-1900 LDS Bible Study, Conf
1900-2000 Islamic Study, Conf
1900-2000 LDS Activity Night, MPR
1930-2045 Gospel Service Bible Study, Sanct
2000-2130 Catholic Bible Study, MPR
2000-2130 Christian Fellowship (CF), Conf
2045-2300 Contemporary Band Practice, Sanct

Thursday

0500-0600 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0715-0745 Daily Mass, BSR
1100-1130 Redeployment Brief (or Online), Conf
1200-1300 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Conf

1730-1800 Rosary/Individual Devotion, BSR
1730-1830 Intercessory Prayer/Prayer Warriors, MPR
1730-1900 Traditional Service Choir Rehearsal, Sanct
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1800-1900 AA for the Faith Community
1930-2100 Gospel Choir/Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanct
1930-2100 Teaching of Jesus Study, MPR
2000-2130 Theology on Tap, Priest's Office/Memorial Plaza
2100-2300 Catholic Choir Practice, Sanct

Friday

0500-0600 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0715-0745 Daily Mass, BSR
1100-1130 Redeployment Brief (or Online), Conf
1300-1430 Jumma (Islamic) Prayer, MPR
1730-1800 Rosary/Individual Devotion, BSR
1730-1830 Intercessory Prayer/Prayer Warriors, Conf
1800-1830 Daily Mass, BSR
1830-1930 Shabbat Service, MPR
1930-2030 Shabbat Meal, Conf
1930-2030 Gospel Joy Night, Sanct
2000-2200 Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath Worship, MPR
2100-2300 Gospel Service Dance Team Rehearsal, Sanct

Saturday

0500-0600 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0700-0900 Seventh-day Adventist (Sabbath Morning Worship), Sanct
1100-1130 Redeployment Brief (or online), Conf
1300-1500 Army Chaplain (Pastoral Care/Open for Walk-Ins), Conf
1530-1630 Catholic Choir

Practice, Sanct
1800-1900 Jewish Study, Conf
1800-1930 Contemporary Band/Worship Practice, Sanct
1830-1930 Discipleship Class, MPR
1930-2100 Contemporary Worship Service, Sanct
1930-2030 Buddhist Learning Group, MPR
2030-2130 Wiccan/Earth Based Group, MPR
2200-2230 Catholic Mass, Sanct

Sunday

0500-0600 Prayer Warriors, Sanct
0800-0900 Catholic Mass, Sanct
0830-0930 Sunday School, Conf
0900-0945 Contemporary Band/Worship Practice, Sanct
0945-1045 Contemporary Worship Service, Sanct
0945-1100 General Protestant Service, CAOC-2nd floor Conf
1100-1200 Catholic Mass, CAOC-2nd floor Conf
1130-1230 Church of Christ Service, Sanct
1300-1400 Latter Day Saints Service, Sanct
1330-1430 Church of England Communion (Episcopalian), MPR
1400-1500 Latter Day Saints Sunday School, Sanct
1500-1600 Islamic Studies, Conf
1600-1700 Traditional Protestant Service, Sanct
1715-1745 Catholic Reconciliation, Priest's Office
1800-1900 Victims of Cheating Spouses, MPR
1800-1900 Catholic Mass, Sanct
1930-2100 Gospel Worship Service, Sanct
2000-2100 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Conf
2130-2300 Wiccan/Earth Based Group, MPR.

Redeployment FAQs

Q: I know I'm already booked on a mission, so why can't I just sign up for Space-A on an earlier flight if there are seats available?

A: USCENTCOM/CCJ4 message DTG 222016Z Jul 05 prohibits all Space-A travel into and out of the AOR. If you feel you have a legitimate reason for departing earlier than your assigned mission, contact your UDM.

Q: If my flight has been delayed, what do I need to do to ensure my commercial ticket to my home station is still valid?

A: Don't worry, the Passenger Terminal has direct phone lines for the major airlines so you can make any changes prior to departing the base.

Q: I'm in the Guard/Reserve and my flight has been delayed/canceled and I have to get on the next plane to the US or I become a civilian in a war zone! Can I fly home commercial?

A: Please contact your UDM or the AFTRCC so we can confirm that your orders are expiring and make arrangements accordingly. Depending on the circumstances, commercial travel may be authorized.

Watch Channel 3 for flight information, or contact your squadron UDM with any redeployment questions. AFTRCC: 437-2237/2238.



Relocation to Wing HQ

Several Wing Staff Agencies are in the process of relocating into the new wing headquarters building on the north ramp. New phone numbers are listed below:

Command Post Chief: 436-0112
Plans & Programs: 436-0111, 0113, 0114
Safety Chief: 436-0128
Weapons Safety: 436-0004
Flight Safety: 436-0129
Ground Safety: 436-1030
Public Affairs Chief: 436-0100, 0104
Desert Eagle: 436-0107, 0106
Photos: 436-0103, 0108
Video: 436-0102, 0105
Wing Historian: 436-0101



For a list of menus, movies, and more, visit the 379th ESVS internal homepage or watch your e-mail for the Desert Eagle Dispatch.
<https://intranet/organizations/379ESVS/marketing.htm>

Leaving the AOR?

Think of those you're leaving behind.

- DO NOT outfit the next terrorist group by throwing your uniforms into the dumpster. Take your uniforms with you by either mailing them home or taking them in your luggage. This includes PT gear.

Coming into the AOR?

- Keep in mind the 100% shred policy. Shred ALL mailing labels. A mailing label can make you a potential tool of propaganda by a terrorist organization affecting you, your family, our military and public opinion.

- NOTE: Host Nation policy states we will not publicize our presence here. That includes putting our location in e-mails (this includes the signature block), across the internet, or in any other public or private forum.

Property Security Reminder

The 379th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron would like to remind everyone of the importance of securing all government and personal property at all times.

As like any base or city, the base here has experienced thefts, and most have occurred in unsecured environments. We encourage you to place valuables in locked boxes, dressers, or wall lockers and to ensure you lock your office or room whenever you leave it unattended.

If you are in transit, keep valuables out of sight, and it is best to take high dollar value items with you when no one is in the tent. If needed, items can be stored in a locker at the transient lodging office.

As our population increases, so does the number of thefts -- we remind you to increase your security and situational awareness accordingly.

To report a theft or other crime, call the 379th ESFS/BDOC at 437-2669.

Hometown News Releases

New to the AOR? Promoted? Redeploying soon? Do you want your hometown to know how hard you're working and why it's important?

Go to the intranet in the Public Affairs section, fill out the hometown news release form, and click "submit" at the bottom of the page. We'll do the rest! Keep your hometowns informed on what you're doing in the AOR!

<https://hnforms.afnews.af.mil:8443/lfserver/AUABCAOCIRAQ>

Interested in being promoted, improving supervisory skills?

The Top-4 will host eight weeks of Airman Professional Development Classes at the Airman Readiness Center. To best serve our Airmen and to maximize participation a different topic will be taught Fridays at 1900 hours and Wednesdays 0800 hours.

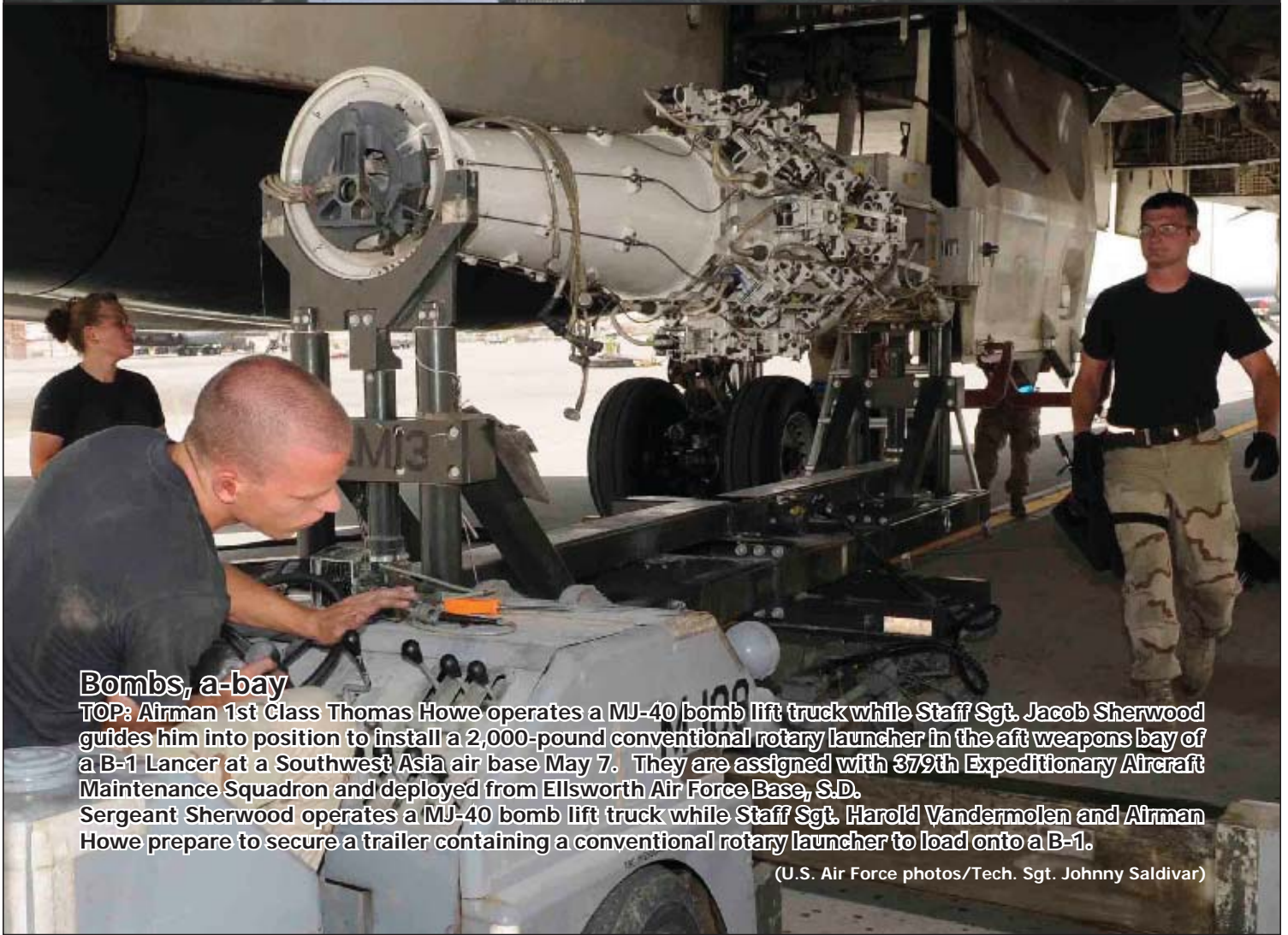
The classes provided are designed to prepare our Airman for future promotions and enhance the supervisory skills of our Enlisted and Junior Officers alike.

Free stuff!

Why buy stuff when Jack's Place has it for free? The items include toothpaste, tooth brush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, books, and more.

Would you like to make a difference?

Jack's Place needs volunteers to help sort care packages to prepare the items for distribution. If interested please contact the chapel at 437-8811 or e-mail 379aewhc@auab.centaf.af.mil



Bombs, a-bay

TOP: Airman 1st Class Thomas Howe operates a MJ-40 bomb lift truck while Staff Sgt. Jacob Sherwood guides him into position to install a 2,000-pound conventional rotary launcher in the aft weapons bay of a B-1 Lancer at a Southwest Asia air base May 7. They are assigned with 379th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. Sergeant Sherwood operates a MJ-40 bomb lift truck while Staff Sgt. Harold Vandermolen and Airman Howe prepare to secure a trailer containing a conventional rotary launcher to load onto a B-1.

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